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A BILL

То	amend sections 1901.123, 1907.143, 2151.07,	1
	2301.02, and 2301.03 and to enact section	2
	2101.027 of the Revised Code to reallocate	3
	jurisdictional responsibilities of current	4
	judges of the Hardin County Court of Common	5
	Pleas, to create the Domestic Relations Division	6
	of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas, and	7
	to modify the provisions regarding the	8
	reimbursement of assigned municipal and county	9
	court judges.	10

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 1901.123, 1907.143, 2151.07,	11
2301.02, and 2301.03 be amended and section 2101.027 of the	12
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	13
Sec. 1901.123. (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under	14
division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in	15
which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court	16
is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an	17
acting judge appointed pursuant to division $(A)(2)(a)$. $(B)(1)$.	1.8

or (C)(1) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled	19
pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 1901.122 of the Revised	20
Code.	21
(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county-operated	22
municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay	23
the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned	24
pursuant to division (A)(1), (A)(2)(b), (B)(2), (C)(2), or (D)	25
of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to	26
division (B)(1) or (4) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.	27
(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this	28
section, the treasurer of the county in which a county-operated	29
municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay	30
the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned	31
pursuant to division (A)(1), (A)(2)(b), (B)(2), (C)(2), or (D)	32
of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to	33
division (B)(2) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.	
(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this	35
section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation	36
to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A)(1),	37
(A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the	38
Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) $\underline{(3)}$ of section	39
1901.122 of the Revised Code.	40
(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division	41
(A)(1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay any the per	42
diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is	43
entitled-under division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the-	44
Revised Code, shall submit to the administrative director of the	45
supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state	46
portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall	47
include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an	48

days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause	50
reimbursements of the state portion of the per diem	51
amounts <pre>paid</pre> to be issued to the county if the administrative	52
director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid.	53
(C) The If the supreme court, pursuant to division (A) (2)	54
(A) (4) of this section, is required to pay any the per diem	55
compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled under-	56
division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code.	57
Annually, annually, on the first day of August, the	58
administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a	59
billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a	60
judge was assigned to a municipal court for reimbursement of the	61
county or local portion of the per diem compensation previously	62
paid by the state supreme court for the twelve-month period	63
preceding the last day of June. The county or local portion of	64
the per diem compensation shall be that part of each per diem	65
paid by the state which is proportional to the county or local	66
shares of the total compensation of a resident judge of such	67
court. The county treasurer shall forward the payment within	68
thirty days. After forwarding the payment, the county treasurer	69
shall seek reimbursement from the applicable local	70
municipalities as appropriate.	71

affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the

Sec. 1907.143. (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under

72 division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in

73 which a county court is located shall pay the per diem

74 compensation to which an acting judge appointed pursuant to

75 division (A) (2) (b) (A) (2) (a), (B) (1), or (C) (1) of section

76 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division

77 (A) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code.

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county court is	79
located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned	80
judge assigned pursuant to division (A)(1), (A)(2)(b), (B)(2),	81
or (C)(2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled	82
pursuant to division (B)(1) or (4) of section 1907.142 of the	83
Revised Code.	84
(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this	85
section, the treasurer of the county in which a county court is	86
located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned	87
judge assigned pursuant to division (A)(1), (A)(2)(b), (B)(2),	88
or (C)(2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled	89
pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 1907.142 of the Revised	90
Code.	91
(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this	92
section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation	93
to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A)(1),	94
(A)(2)(b), (B)(2), or (C)(2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised	95
Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 1907.142	96
of the Revised Code.	97
(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division	98
(A)(1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay any the per	99
diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is	100
entitled-under division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the-	101
Revised Code, shall submit to the administrative director of the	102
supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state	103
portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall	104
include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an	105
affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the	106
days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause	107

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amounts <u>paid</u> to be issued to the county if the administrative	109
director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid.	110
(C) The If the supreme court, pursuant to division (A)(2)	111
(A) (4) of this section, is required to pay any the per diem	112
compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled under	113
division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code.	114
Annually, annually, on the first day of August, the	115
administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a	116
billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a	117
judge was assigned to a county court for reimbursement of the	118
county portion of the per diem compensation previously paid by	119
the state supreme court for the twelve-month period preceding	120
the last day of June. The county portion of the per diem	121
compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the	122
state which is proportional to the county shares of the total	123
compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county	124
treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. After	125
forwarding the payment, the county treasurer shall seek	126
reimbursement from the applicable local municipalities as	127
appropriate.	128
Sec. 2101.027. (A) From January 1, 2023, through February	129
8, 2027, the probate judge of the court of common pleas of	130
Hardin county shall have all the powers relating to the general	131
division of the court of common pleas of Hardin county, shall be	132
the clerk of the probate court, and shall exercise jurisdiction	133
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general	134
division.	135
(B) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hardin	136
county who is elected in 2026, and successors, is the successor	137
to the judge of the probate division of that court whose term	138

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expires February 8, 2027, shall be designated as a judge of the	139
court of common pleas, general division, shall have all the	140
powers relating to the general division of the court of common_	141
pleas of Hardin county, shall be the clerk of the probate court,	142
and shall exercise jurisdiction over matters that are within the	143
jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under Chapter	144
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code and all matters	145
that are within the general division of that court, as set forth	146
in division (FF)(2) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code.	147

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code.

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 152 is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 153 volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 154 request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 155 judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division (FF) 156 (GG) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge 157 of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 158 act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 159 juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 160 available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 161 court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 162 juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 163 act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 164 that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 165 compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 166 for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 167

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common

in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;

In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,

term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970,

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term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in

1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;

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In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	254
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970,	255
term to begin on January 1, 1971;	256
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in	257
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978,	258
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002,	259
term to begin January 2, 2003;	260
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	261
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	262
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	263
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	264
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	265
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	266
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	267
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	268
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	269
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	270
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	271
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	272
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	273
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	274
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	275
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	276
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	277
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	278
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	279
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in	280
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	281
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	282

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968,	283
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in	284
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected	285
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;	286
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be	287
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9,	288
1955, respectively;	289
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952,	290
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956,	291
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986,	292
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in	293
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	294
In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in	295
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	296
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in	297
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in	298
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected	299
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	300
In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in	301
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be	302
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	303
In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in	304
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected	305
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be	306
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017;	307
In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958,	308
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960,	309
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964,	310
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be	311
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elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5,	312
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to	313
begin January 6, 2001;	314
In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	315
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term	316
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to	317
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to	318
begin January 1, 2005;	319
In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952,	320
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953,	321
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January	322
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1,	323
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989,	324
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998,	325
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999,	326
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin	327
January 6, 2007;	328
In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in	329
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954,	330
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	331
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January	332
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3,	333
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989,	334
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992,	335
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms	336
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and	337
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	338
In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in	339
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	340

1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in

1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be	342
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005;	343
In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in	344
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be	345
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961;	346
In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	347
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968,	348
term to begin January 2, 1969;	349
In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952,	350
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954,	351
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956,	352
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964,	353
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976,	354
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in	355
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995;	356
(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be	357
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning	358
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	359
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on	360
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8,	361
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January	362
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to	363
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two	364
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and	365
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term	366
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms	367
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to	368
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on	369
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be	370
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning	371

January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982,	372
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983,	373
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin	374
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively;	375

In Franklin county, twenty-four judges; two to be elected 376 in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 377 respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 378 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 379 to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 380 elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 381 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 382 days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 383 elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 384 elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 385 elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 386 respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 387 2, 1997; one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 388 one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; and 389 one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 3, 2021; 390

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 391 in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 392 from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 393 to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 394 January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 395 January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 396 January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 397 January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 398 election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 399 elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 400 elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 401 1997, respectively; 402

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in	403
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	404
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January	405
1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected	406
in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953,	407
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January	408
3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4,	409
1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977,	410
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982,	411
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term	412
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to	413
begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to	414
begin January 2, 1993;	415

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 416
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 417
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term 418
to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to 419
begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 420
January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 421
July 1, 1991;

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected 423 in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 424 January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms 425 to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and 426 July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to 427 begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 428 January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 429 successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; 430 two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 431 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 432 begin January 1, 1993; 433

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In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 434 term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 435 terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 436 respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 437 1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 438 1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 439 1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 440 respectively; 441

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, and January 6, 2009, respectively.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 452 having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 453 more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 454 elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 455 judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 456 the second general election preceding the expiration of that 457 judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 458 abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 459 office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 460 The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 461 six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 462 judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 463 general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 464 that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 465 be reduced.

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 467 pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 468 elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 469 Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 470 Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 471 elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 472 the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 473 judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 474 court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 475 shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 476 probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 477 2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 478 court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 479 shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 480 probate division. 481

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 482 court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 483 January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 484 1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 485 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 486 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 487 of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 488 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 489 division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 490 relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 491 and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 492 Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 493 has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 494 legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 495

addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is	496
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services	497
board and the county advisory board and shall be the	498
administrator of the domestic relations division and its	499
subdivisions and departments.	500

(B) In Hamilton county:

- (1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 502 begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 503 court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 504 and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 505 Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 506 and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 507
- (2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 508 begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 509 and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 510 court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 511 have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 512 legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 513 On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 514 August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 515 judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 516 the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 517 division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 518 domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 519 administrative judge for the division before the first day of 520 August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 521 common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 522 one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 523 administrative judge of that division. The term of the 524 administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 525

of August of the year in which the administrative judge is	526
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected	527
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of	528
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the	529
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following	530
year.	531

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 532 administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 533 be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 534 subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 535 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 536 division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 537 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 538 annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 539 the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 540

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 541 relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 542 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 543 personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 544 personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 545 provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 546 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 547 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 548 and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 549 available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 550 are parties to an action pending in the division. 551

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 552 sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 553 expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 554 reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 555

division counselors and other employees designated to conduct	556
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce,	557
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases,	558
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those	559
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the	560
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and	561
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further	562
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the	563
division of domestic relations.	564

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 565 salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 566 treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 567 division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 568 by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 569 relations. 570

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 571 writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 572 staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 573 county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 574 provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 575 other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 576 summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 577 an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 578 investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 579 assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 580

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 581 county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 582 to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 583 court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 584 drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 585

drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After 586
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 587
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 588
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 589
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 590
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 591

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case.

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the following apply:

(a) One of the following applies:

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in	616
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the	617
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July	618
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the	619
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor,	620
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of	621
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from	622
treatment.	623
(b) All of the following apply:	624
(i) The case involves an offense for which a community	625
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a	626
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required	627
to be imposed.	628
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	629
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	630
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is	631
drug or alcohol driven.	632
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to	633
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	634
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	635
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county	636
prosecutor approves of the referral.	637
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common	638
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases	639
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a	640
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative	641
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for	642
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the	643

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drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) (1) In Lorain county:

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 654 begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 655 and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 656 term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 657 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 658 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 659 of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 660 designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 661 of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 662 whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 663 January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 664 relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 665 and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 666 which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 667 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 668 shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 669 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 670 pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 671 judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 672 9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 673

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other judge of the court of common pleas.	679
(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the	680
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic	681
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth	682
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction	683
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate	684
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised	685
Code.	686
(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of	687
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is	688
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a	689
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009,	690
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic	691
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the	692
probate judge.	693
(2)(a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009,	694
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the	695
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of	696
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references	697
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the	698
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic	699
relations.	700
(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009,	701

with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the

clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to

the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations.

(D) In Lucas county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas,

juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in the discharge of their various duties.

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by the judges of the other of those divisions.

(E) In Mahoning county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic

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relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 764 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 765 the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 766 of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 767 shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 768 and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 769 the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 770 the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 771 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 772 annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 773 the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 774

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

785 (2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 786 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 787 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 788 common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 789 as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 790 shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 791 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 792 conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 793 duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 794

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

- (3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas.
 - (F) In Montgomery county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation,

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and annulment cases.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 826 point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 827 assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 828 have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 829 of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 830 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 831 annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 832 employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 833 service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 834 the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 835 relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 836 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 837 absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 838 fix their duties. 839

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code.

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are

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engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 855 The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 856 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 857 absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 858 fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 859 other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 860 and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 861 conciliation services that are available upon request to 862 863 persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the division. 864

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions.

(G) In Richland county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 873 begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 874 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 875 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 876 of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 877 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 878 domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 879 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 880 annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 881 section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 882 proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 883 matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 884

jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common	885
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or	886
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state,	887
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support	888
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for	889
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal	890
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation	891
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under	892
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are	893
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile	894
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be	895
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or	896
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting	897
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental	898
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all	899
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all	900
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support	901
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all	902
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any	903
of those matters.	904

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 905 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 906 be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 907 subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 908 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 909 domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 910 considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 911 judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 912 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 913 employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 914 shall fix their duties. 915

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term	916
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same	917
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and	918
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of	919
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated	920
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and	921
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile	922
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised	923
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original	924
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile	925
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and	926
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or	927
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting	928
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental	929
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any	930
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any	931
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not	932
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be	933
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family	934
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.	935

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall

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other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and	948
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling,	949
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes	950
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to	951
an action pending in the court, who request the services.	952

- (H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 953 pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 954 January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 955 956 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 957 common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 958 as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 959 They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 960 all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 961 all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 962 jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 963 separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 964 to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 965 special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 966
- (2) The judge of the family court division, second most senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary referees required for the judge's respective court.
- (3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 973 point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 974 administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 975 2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 976

of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 977 of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 978 limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 979 employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 980 in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 981 every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 982 juvenile judge to serve.

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law

to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations

division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the

division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic

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relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark

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county, as being references to "the family court division" or

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"the judge of the family court division."

(I) In Summit county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 992 begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 993 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 994 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 995 of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 996 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 997 division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 998 domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 999 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1000 annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 1001 are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1002 juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 1003 shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 1004 paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 1005 of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1006

and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining	1007
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic	1008
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings	1009
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in	1010
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.	1011

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1012 point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1013 relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 1014 shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 1015 1016 of the personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1017 investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1018 separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 1019 the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1020 absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1021 shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1022 to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1023 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1024 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 1025 counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 1026 request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1027 action pending in the division. 1028

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1029 begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1030 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1031 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1032 common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 1033 as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1034 shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1035 judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1036 Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1037

jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile	1038
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and	1039
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity,	1040
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of	1041
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or	1042
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to	1043
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall	1044
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be	1045
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family	1046
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.	1047

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 1048 juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1049 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1050 the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1051 referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1052 investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 1053 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1054 absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1055 fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1056 other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1057 and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1058 conciliation services that are available upon request to 1059 persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1060 the division. 1061

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 1062 pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 1063 and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1064 same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1065 as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 1066 and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1067 common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1068

all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under

Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage

proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and

all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and

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some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the

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court of common pleas.

(K) In Butler county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1077 begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1078 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1079 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1080 of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1081 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1082 division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1083 domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1084 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1085 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1086 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1087 pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1088 have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1089 division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1090 respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1091 or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1092 marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1093 cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1094 requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1095 is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1096 marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1097 action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1098 for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1099

action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the	1100
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county	1101
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused,	1102
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and	1103
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in	1104
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and	1105
division of the work of the division and with the employment and	1106
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations	1107
division.	1108

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1109 the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1110 absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1111 shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1112 to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1113 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1114 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1115 any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1116 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1117 an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1118

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1119 begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1120 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1121 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1122 of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1123 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1124 division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1125 Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1126 and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1127 that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1128 juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1129 have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1130

assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to	1131
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to	1132
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a	1133
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the	1134
ward of another court of this state when the request for the	1135
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce,	1136
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The	1137
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is	1138
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the	1139
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The	1140
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the	1141
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the	1142
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or	1143
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the	1144
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's	1145
various duties.	1146

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1147 designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1148 leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1149 and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1150 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1151 servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1152 counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1153 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1154 an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1155

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or

unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of

cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the

duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of

the domestic relations and juvenile divisions.

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(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of	1162
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9,	1163
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987,	1164
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the	1165
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation	1166
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county	1167
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of	1168
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have	1169
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage,	1170
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are	1171
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for	1172
some special reason.	1173
(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the	1174
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments	1175
and has the following powers concerning division personnel:	1176
and has the following powers concerning division personner.	1170
(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and	1177
supervision;	1178
(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses,	1179
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations.	1180
(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or	1181
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating,	1182
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage,	1183
legal separation and annulment matters.	1184
regar separation and annument matters.	1101
(M) In Lake county:	1185
(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term	1186
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same	1187
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and	1188
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court	1189

of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and

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designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1191 domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1192 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1193 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1194 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1195 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1196 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1197 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1198 division. 1199

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1210 begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1211 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1212 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1213 common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1214 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1215 be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1216 the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1217 those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1218 division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1219 and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1220 charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1221

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personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling,
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referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of
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The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or

unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of

cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the

duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of

the domestic relations and juvenile divisions.

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(N) In Erie county:

1242 (1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1243 whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1244 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1245 receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1246 common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1247 as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1248 relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1249 juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1250 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1251

which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce,

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases,

except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some

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other judge.

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code.

(O) In Greene county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division

of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce,

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform

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reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and

all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that

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for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the

court of common pleas.

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The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1288 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1289 supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1290 1291 also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1292 shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1293 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1294 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1295 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1296 and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1297 the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1298 who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1299 in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1300 personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1301 be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1302 general division of the court of common pleas. 1303

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1304 begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1305 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1306 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1307 of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1308 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1309 division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1310 juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1311 Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1312

chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile	1313
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division	1314
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have	1315
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the	1316
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling,	1317
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any	1318
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of	1319
the judge's various duties.	1320

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1321 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1322 the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1323 duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1324 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1325 cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1326 that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1327 persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1328 request the services. 1329

- (3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas,
 general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that
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 judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the
 general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of
 the general division shall be performed by the judge of the
 division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile
 division.
- (P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1337 pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1338 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1339 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1340 judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1341 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1342

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all	1343
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and	1344
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that	1345
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the	1346
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the	1347
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the	1348
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the	1349
domestic relations division.	1350

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1351 1352 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1353 duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1354 shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1355 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1356 annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1357 services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1358 or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1359 division, who request the services. 1360

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1361 pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1362 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1363 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1364 judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1365 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1366 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1367 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1368 annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1369 for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1370 court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1371 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1372 employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1373

domestic relations division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1375 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1376 the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1377 duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1378 shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1379 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1380 annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1381 services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1382 or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1383 division, who request the services. 1384

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1385 pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1386 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1387 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1388 judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1389 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1390 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1391 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1392 annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1393 for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1394 court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1395 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1396 employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1397 domestic relations division. 1398

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation,

expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of

the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The

duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties,

shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of

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divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and	1404
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation	1405
services that the division makes available to persons, whether	1406
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the	1407
division, who request the services.	1408

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1409 pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1410 2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1411 exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1412 compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1413 Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1414 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1415 judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1416 legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1417 Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1418 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1419 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1420 for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1421 parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1422 and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1423 cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1424 of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1425 division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1426 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1427 employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1428

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relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense

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personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the

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division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include

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the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce,	1435
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases,	1436
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and	1437
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental	1438
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the	1439
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal	1440
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any	1441
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes	1442
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to	1443
an action pending in the division, who request the services.	1444

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1445 pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1446 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1447 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1448 judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1449 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1450 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1451 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1452 annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1453 Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1454 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1455 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1456 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1457 and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1458 cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1459 reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1460 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1461 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1462 supervision of the personnel of the division. 1463

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1464 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1465

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1466 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1467 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1468 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1469 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1470 cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1471 proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1472 rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1473 designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1474 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1475 counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1476 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1477 an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1478

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1479 pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1480 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1481 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1482 of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1483 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1484 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1485 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1486 annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1487 Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1488 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1489 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1490 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1491 and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1492 cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1493 reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1494 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1495 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1496

supervision of the personnel of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1498 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1499 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1500 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1501 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1502 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1503 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1504 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1505 involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1506 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1507 for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1508 parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1509 conciliation services that the division makes available to 1510 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1511 pending in the division, who request the services. 1512

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1513 pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1514 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1515 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1516 judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1517 shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1518 pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1519 assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1520 and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1521 the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1522 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1523 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1524 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1525 and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1526 cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1527

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common	1528
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the	1529
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of	1530
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine	1531
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the	1532
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this	1533
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or	1534
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the	1535
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child	1536
to pay child support for that child when the request for that	1537
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of	1538
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil	1539
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action	1540
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an	1541
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the	1542
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of	1543
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child	1544
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree	1545
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases.	1546

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be

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charged with the assignment and division of the work of the

division and with the employment and supervision of the

personnel of the division.

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The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1551 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1552 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1553 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1554 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1555 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1556 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1557 cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1558

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental	1559
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the	1560
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal	1561
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any	1562
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes	1563
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are	1564
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the	1565
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody	1566
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code,	1567
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case	1568
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a	1569
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to	1570
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child	1571
support for that child when the request for that order is not	1572
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage,	1573
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action	1574
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for	1575
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action	1576
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the	1577
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of	1578
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child	1579
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the	1580
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the	1581
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases.	1582

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1583 pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1584 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1585 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1586 of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1587 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1588 domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1589

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relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151.	1590
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings	1591
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile	1592
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the	1593
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of	1594
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal	1595
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic	1596
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division,	1597
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall	1598
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division	1599
and the judges of the general division.	1600

- (2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children services board and the county advisory board.
- (3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1604 county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1605 unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1606 presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1607 determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1608 domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1609 the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1610 judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1611 of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1612 the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1613 shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1614 domestic relations of that court. 1615
- (X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1616
 pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1617
 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1618
 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1619

of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be	1620
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,	1621
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all	1622
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and	1623
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the	1624
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the	1625
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care	1626
of children and the designation for the children of a place of	1627
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and	1628
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases	1629
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason	1630
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The	1631
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the	1632
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of	1633
the personnel of the division.	1634

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1635 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1636 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1637 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1638 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1639 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1640 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1641 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1642 involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1643 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1644 for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1645 parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1646 conciliation services that the division makes available to 1647 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1648 pending in the division, who request the services. 1649

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and

juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1651 also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1652 division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1653 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1654 coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1655 administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1656 charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1657 investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1658 separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1659 considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1660 duties. 1661

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1662 pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1663 to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1664 same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1665 as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1666 county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1667 of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1668 Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1669 the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1670 to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1671 of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1672 the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1673 separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1674 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1675 for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1676 a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1677 visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1678 from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1679 and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1680 (Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1681

of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9,	1682
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county	1683
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to	1684
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate	1685
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in	1686
addition to the powers previously specified in this division,	1687
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the	1688
probate division of that court over all matters that are within	1689
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under	1690
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in	1691
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-	1692
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division	1693
(Z)(1) of this section.	1694

- (2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1695 division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1696 judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1697 Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1698 length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1699 regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1700 as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1701 pleas of Marion county. 1702
- (3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1703 to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1704 court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1705 with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1706 probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1707 division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1708 probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations-1709 juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1710 references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1711 construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1712

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this	1713
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of	1714
common pleas of Marion county.	1715

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1716 pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1717 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1718 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1719 judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1720 shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1721 common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1722 assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1723 and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1724 the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1725 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1726 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1727 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1728 and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1729 cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1730 reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1731 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1732 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1733 supervision of the personnel of the division. 1734

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1735 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1736 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1737 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1738 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1739 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1740 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1741 cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1742 proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1743

rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the	1744
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal	1745
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any	1746
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes	1747
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to	1748
an action pending in the division, who request the services.	1749

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1750 pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1751 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1752 1753 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1754 elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1755 pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1756 of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1757 Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1758 proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1759 which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1760 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1761 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1762 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1763 and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1764 legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-1765 decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1766 proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1767 that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1768 the court of common pleas. 1769

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1770 pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1771 that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1772 same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1773 as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1774

specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to	1776 1777 1778 1779
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that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile	L779
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the	700
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the	1780
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal	781
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child	782
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities	783
for the care of children and designation for the children of a	784
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and	785
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising	786
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge	1787
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other	788
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after	789
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan	790
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors	791
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate	792
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in	793
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and	794
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the	795
probate division of that court over all matters that are within	796
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under	797
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in	798
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of	799
that court otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this	1800
section.	801

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of

common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court

of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the

administrative judge of the family court division of the court

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of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules	1806
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court	1807
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county.	1808

- (3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 1809 "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1810 or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1811 respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1812 probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 1813 references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 1814 "judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 1815 2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1816 shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1817 references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 1818 (2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 1819 the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1820
- (DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1821 common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1822 of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1823 2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1824 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1825 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1826 of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1827 designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1828 relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1829 specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1830 those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1831 courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1832 Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1833 Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1834 separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1835 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1836

for the care of children and the designation for the children of	1837
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and	1838
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising	1839
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those	1840
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any	1841
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after	1842
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as	1843
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county,	1844
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors	1845
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate	1846
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this	1847
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that	1848
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter	1849
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to	1850
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate	1851
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this	1852
section.	1853

- (2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1854 to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1855 court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1856 with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1857 "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1858 references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-1859 probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1860 in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1861 with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1862 judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1863 Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1864 judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-1865 probate division. 1866
 - (EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common

pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1868 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1869 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1870 judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1871 be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1872 pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1873 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1874 post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1875 paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1876 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1877 of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post-1878 decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1879 persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1880 some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1881 of common pleas. 1882

(FF) <u>In Hardin county:</u>

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1884 begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 1885 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1886 receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1887 common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 1888 designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1889 of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1890 relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 1891 or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 1892 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1893 court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1894 legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 1895 issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 1896 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1897 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1898

and the designation for the children of a place of residence and	1899
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-	1900
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and	1901
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases	1902
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of	1903
the court of common pleas.	1904
(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general	1905
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors,	1906
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters	1907
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the	1908
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the	1909
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other	1910
provisions, of the Revised Code.	1911
(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of	1912
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties	1913
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform	1914
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in	1915
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge	1916
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas	1917
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge	1918
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of	1919
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require.	1920
Section 2. That existing sections 1901.123, 1907.143,	1921
2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby	1922
repealed.	1923
repeared.	1720